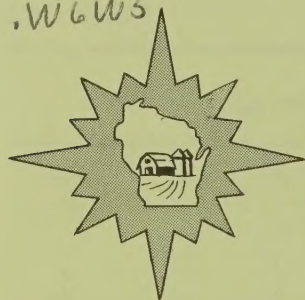


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Cream of the News

February milk production in Wisconsin was 4 percent greater than a year ago and the highest output for that month since 1965.

Wholesale prices of butter and cheese showed little change from January to February.

Cheese production in the Nation during February was up 10 percent from the previous year but output of butter declined 2 percent.

Milk prices declined seasonally from January to February but were still 17 cents a hundredweight higher than a year ago.

The index of prices received for Wisconsin farm products increased from January to February due to higher meat animal prices.

The Nation's supply of meat in cold storage at the end of February was down 3 percent from a year earlier because of a reduction in pork stocks.

Based on the March 1 Planting Intentions Survey, Wisconsin farmers plan to reduce their corn acreage 3 percent in 1972 while increasing soybean acreage 20 percent.

Barrow and gilt prices at the St. Paul market in February averaged about \$1.00 higher than in January and were well above February last year.

Cheese and butter stocks in the Nation's cold storage facilities at the end of February were lower than a year ago.

Production of pork during January was a fourth less than a year earlier and the lowest total since July 1971.

Beef cattle prices at the St. Paul and Kansas City markets continued to increase during February.

The number of hogs on Wisconsin farms March 1 was 9 percent below last year.

Weekly receipts of milk indicate that production of American cheese in Wisconsin and the Nation during February will be substantially above a year earlier.

A custom rates guide for spring field work is shown on page 7.

MILK PRODUCTION ABOVE YEAR AGO

Milk production on Wisconsin dairy farms totaled 1,495 million pounds in February, up 4 percent from a year ago and the highest output for that month since 1965. Production declined 3 percent from January to February compared with a 5 percent drop for those months in 1971. Output per cow averaged 800 pounds in February, an increase of 20 pounds from last year.

Milk Production

| Selected States | February | February | Jan.-Feb. | Change from last year | |
|--------------------|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | 1971 | 1972 | 1972 | Feb. | Jan.-Feb. |
| | Million pounds | | | Percent | |
| Wisconsin | 1,441 | 1,495 | 3,035 | +4 | +3 |
| Minnesota | 828 | 840 | 1,694 | +1 | NC |
| Iowa | 354 | 357 | 728 | +1 | NC |
| New York | 798 | 818 | 1,657 | +3 | NC |
| Pennsylvania . . | 543 | 570 | 1,162 | +5 | +3 |
| California | 705 | 748 | 1,513 | +6 | +4 |
| Other states . . . | 4,337 | 4,518 | 9,192 | +4 | +3 |
| United States . . | 9,006 | 9,346 | 18,981 | +4 | +2 |

AMERICAN CHEESE PRODUCTION TO CONTINUE ABOVE LAST YEAR

Based on weekly receipts of milk by dairy plants, production of American cheese in Wisconsin and the Nation during February will be substantially higher than last year. The National output of American cheese in February is expected to

Recent Changes in Butter and Cheese Output

| Periods | Butter | | | American Cheese | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | United States | | Wisconsin | United States | | Wisconsin |
| | Production 1972 | Change from last year | Change from last year | Production 1972 | Change from last year | Change from last year |
| | 1,000 lbs. | Percent | Percent | 1,000 lbs. | Percent | Percent |
| January | 101,475 | -2 | -4 | 123,960 | +9 | +5 |
| Weeks ending | | | | | | |
| Feb. 3 | 23,900 | -1 | -6 | 29,100 | +12 | +9 |
| Feb. 10 | 23,900 | -1 | -4 | 28,900 | +12 | +11 |
| Feb. 17 | 24,150 | -4 | -14 | 29,500 | +12 | +6 |
| Feb. 24 | 24,000 | -1 | +3 | 31,100 | +18 | +16 |
| Mar. 2 | 24,000 | -1 | -3 | 31,400 | +14 | +7 |
| Total | 120,350 | -2 | xxx | 150,000 | +14 | xxx |

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be about 14 percent above the previous year, while Wisconsin's production for February could exceed the 5 percent increase shown in January compared with a year earlier. Butter production in both Wisconsin and the Nation for February may continue to be lower than last year.

FEBRUARY MILK PRICE LOWER

Prices received by Wisconsin farmers for all milk sold during February are expected to average \$5.48 a hundredweight, a seasonal decline of 4 cents from January. The February all milk price would be 17 cents higher than a year ago.

Milk prices in January averaged \$5.52 a hundredweight, down 1 cent from December but 22 cents above January 1971. Milkfat content averaged 3.77 percent for January, the same as a year earlier.

Producers for the Grade A market received an average of \$5.70 a hundredweight in January, a decline of 2 cents from December but 19 cents more than the previous year. Manufacturing grade milk averaged \$5.29 a hundredweight during January, up 1 cent from December and 21 cents above January last year. The price spread between market and manufacturing grade milk was 41 cents for January compared with 43 cents in January 1971.

Milk Prices 1/

| Selected States | December 1971 | | January price per cwt. | | | Feb. 1972 price per cwt. 2/ |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------|-----------------|---|
| | Average test | Price per cwt. | 1971 | 1972 | 72/71 change | |
| | Percent | Dollars | Dollars | Dollars | Percent | Dollars |
| Milk for all uses | | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | 3.80 | 5.53 | 5.30 | 5.52 | +4 | 5.48 |
| Minnesota | 3.69 | 5.15 | 4.92 | 5.11 | +4 | 5.08 |
| Iowa | 3.79 | 5.38 | 5.26 | 5.39 | +2 | 5.35 |
| New York | 3.70 | 6.40 | 6.25 | 6.35 | +2 | 6.30 |
| California | 3.82 | 6.00 | 5.75 | 5.95 | +3 | 5.75 |
| United States | 3.81 | 6.18 | 5.96 | 6.13 | +3 | 6.06 |
| Wisconsin utilization | | | | | | |
| Market milk | 3.80 | 5.72 | 5.51 | 5.70 | +3 | XXX |
| Manufacturing milk | 3.81 | 5.28 | 5.08 | 5.29 | +4 | XXX |
| Creameries | 3.79 | 5.17 | 5.07 | 5.15 | +2 | XXX |
| Cheese factories | 3.81 | 5.30 | 5.09 | 5.31 | +4 | XXX |
| Varied prod. plants | 3.80 | 5.22 | 5.05 | 5.19 | +3 | XXX |

1/ Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/ Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

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Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

| Utilization | Jan. 1971 | Dec. 1971 | Jan. 1972 2/ | Change from last year |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | Dollars per cwt. | | | Percent |
| Milk for all uses | 4.92 | 5.09 | 5.12 | +4 |
| Market milk | 5.18 | 5.27 | 5.29 | +2 |
| Manufacturing milk | 4.74 | 4.85 | 4.91 | +4 |
| Creameries | 4.65 | 4.77 | 4.81 | +3 |
| American cheese plants | 4.75 | 4.87 | 4.89 | +3 |
| Varied products plants | 4.70 | 4.81 | 4.83 | +3 |
| Federal Order Markets | | | | |
| Chicago Regional Base Zone 3/ | 5.47 | 5.58 | 5.59 | +2 |

1/ Computed equivalents. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Includes Milwaukee County, Wisconsin and Winnebago County, Illinois.

CHEESE PRODUCTION UP BUT BUTTER OUTPUT LOWER

Production of all cheese in the Nation during January was 10 percent more than a year earlier but butter output was down 2 percent. Swiss cheese production was up 28 percent from January last year while output of Brick and Muenster rose 13 percent. American cheese production in January increased 9 percent from a year ago, and output of Italian and all other cheese showed a gain of 8 percent.

Wisconsin produced 56 million pounds of American cheese during January, up 5 percent from the previous year. Minnesota increased its production of American cheese 22 percent from January last year. Output of American cheese in Missouri during January was 7 percent higher than a year earlier while all other states had a 10 percent increase.

Current Dairy Products Estimates

| Item and area | January 1971 | January 1972 | Change from last year |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | 1,000 pounds | | Percent |
| BUTTER | | | |
| Wisconsin | 17,575 | 16,900 | - 4 |
| Minnesota | 26,985 | 24,400 | -10 |
| Iowa | 8,200 | 7,700 | - 6 |
| Other states | 51,085 | 52,475 | + 3 |
| United States | 103,845 | 101,475 | - 2 |
| CHEESE, AMERICAN | | | |
| Wisconsin | 53,200 | 56,000 | + 5 |
| Minnesota | 13,110 | 16,030 | +22 |
| Missouri | 5,330 | 5,680 | + 7 |
| Other States | 42,130 | 46,250 | +10 |
| United States | 113,770 | 123,960 | + 9 |
| CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS | | | |
| United States | | | |
| Swiss | 10,820 | 13,900 | +28 |
| Brick and Muenster | 5,165 | 5,830 | +13 |
| Limburger | 265 | 240 | - 9 |
| Italian | 35,585 | 38,500 | + 8 |
| All other | 15,380 | 16,555 | + 8 |
| Total | 67,215 | 75,025 | +12 |
| ALL CHEESE | | | |
| United States | 180,985 | 198,985 | +10 |
| OTHER PRODUCTS | | | |
| Cottage Cheese | | | |
| United States | | | |
| Curd 1/ | 60,490 | 62,835 | + 4 |
| Creamed 2/ | 80,650 | 83,225 | + 3 |
| | 1,000 gallons | | Percent |
| Ice Cream | | | |
| Wisconsin | 1,440 | 1,375 | - 5 |
| Illinois | 2,960 | 2,620 | -11 |
| Iowa | 530 | 560 | + 6 |
| Michigan | 2,505 | 2,390 | - 5 |
| Minnesota | 1,955 | 1,980 | + 1 |
| Other States | 43,000 | 44,855 | + 4 |
| United States | 52,390 | 53,780 | + 3 |

1/ Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/ Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.

Wisconsin creameries churned 4 percent less butter in January than a year ago. Minnesota's butter production was down 10 percent from January 1971 while Iowa's output declined 6 percent. All other states combined increased their January production of butter 3 percent from a year earlier.

WHOLESALE DAIRY PRICES SHOW LITTLE CHANGE

Wholesale prices of butter and cheese were quite stable from January to February. Prices of 92-score butter at New York averaged 68¾ cents a pound in February, the same as January but 2 cents under a year ago.

Block Swiss cheese, Wisconsin State Brand, averaged 70½ cents a pound for February, unchanged from the previous month but 5 cents higher than February 1971. Wholesale prices of cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks averaged 58.69 cents a pound during February, up less than ¼ cent from January but more than 2½ cents above last year.

Wholesale Dairy Prices

| Commodity | February 1971 | January 1972 | February 1972 1/ |
|---|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| Butter, 92-score, New York, pound . . . | 70.75¢ | 68.75¢ | 68.75¢ |
| Cheese, Cheddars, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 2/ . . . | 56.07¢ | 58.50¢ | 58.69¢ |
| Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 2/ | 65.50¢ | 70.50¢ | 70.50¢ |
| Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48-14½ oz. cans, range | \$8.00-8.60 | \$7.70-9.10 | \$----- |
| Nonfat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago area, pound | 27.12¢ | 31.31¢ | 31.41¢ |

1/ Preliminary estimates. 2/ Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points.

PORK SUPPLY DOWN A FOURTH

Production of pork during January was a fourth less than a year earlier and the lowest total since July 1971. Output of beef in January was up 1 percent from the previous year. With the reduced pork supply, production of red meat in Wisconsin's commercial slaughter plants during January was 11½ percent below a year ago. The 97.6 million pounds of red meat produced in January was almost 15½ million pounds less than in December and nearly 13 million pounds under January 1971.

Wisconsin slaughtering plants killed 91,000 cattle during January, an increase of 500 from last year. Average liveweight

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

| Area | Number | | | Liveweight | |
|----------------------|------------|---------|-----------------------|----------------|---------|
| | January | | Change from last year | January | |
| | 1971 | 1972 | | 1971 | 1972 |
| | 1,000 head | | Percent | Million pounds | |
| Cattle | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | 90.5 | 91.0 | + 1 | 103.1 | 104.5 |
| United States 1/ . . | 2,917.8 | 2,888.4 | - 1 | 3,053.0 | 3,026.4 |
| Calves | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | 33.0 | 28.0 | -15 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| United States 1/ . . | 321.9 | 289.2 | -10 | 77.5 | 71.1 |
| Hogs | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | 358.0 | 272.0 | -24 | 85.2 | 63.9 |
| United States 1/ . . | 8,257.1 | 7,017.3 | -15 | 1,965.9 | 1,670.1 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | .2 | .2 | NC | .020 | .021 |
| United States 1/ . . | 936.4 | 880.8 | - 6 | 100.1 | 94.3 |

1/ Excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

of cattle for January was 1,148 pounds, 9 pounds heavier than a year earlier.

The January hog slaughter of 272,000 was 86,000 under the previous year. Hogs averaged 235 pounds liveweight for January, 3 pounds lighter than a year ago.

Calf slaughter during January totaled 28,000, a decline of 5,000 from January 1971. Calf liveweight, at 149 pounds in January, was 14 pounds above a year earlier. The sheep and lamb kill of 200 during January was the same as last year.

MEAT STOCKS LESS THAN A YEAR AGO

Total meat stocks in the Nation's cold storage facilities at the end of February were 3 percent under a year ago. Although beef stocks were up 2 percent from February last year, supplies of pork in cold storage declined 13 percent.

Cold Storage Stocks of Meat
United States

| Commodity | Feb. 28, 1970 | Feb. 28, 1971 | Jan. 31, 1972 | Feb. 29, 1972 | Change from last year |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | 1,000 pounds | | | | Percent |
| Beef: | | | | | |
| Frozen | 363,500 | 298,770 | 345,491 | 303,545 | + 2 |
| In cure and cured | 10,824 | 9,601 | 8,443 | 9,736 | + 1 |
| Total | 374,324 | 308,371 | 353,934 | 313,281 | + 2 |
| Pork: | | | | | |
| Frozen | 211,041 | 315,918 | 287,517 | 273,897 | -13 |
| In cooler | 26,350 | 22,890 | 20,747 | 19,928 | -13 |
| Total | 237,391 | 338,808 | 308,264 | 293,825 | -13 |
| Other meats and meat products: | | | | | |
| Veal, frozen | 11,398 | 8,334 | 9,272 | 8,039 | - 4 |
| Lamb and mutton, frozen | 18,064 | 19,653 | 16,604 | 13,583 | -31 |
| Canned meats in cooler: | | | | | |
| Hams | 45,599 | 50,452 | 64,844 | 71,476 | +42 |
| Other meats | 19,126 | 19,596 | 20,730 | 22,490 | +15 |
| Total, all meats | 705,902 | 745,214 | 773,648 | 722,694 | - 3 |

Weather Summary, February 1972

| Station | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------|------|--------|---------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| | Low | High | Mean | Normal | For month | Normal | Accumulative departure since Jan. 1 |
| Amery | -34 | 34 | 7 | 15 | .43 | .77 | + .03 |
| Superior | -22 | 35 | 9 | 15 | .54 | .80 | - .16 |
| Spooner | -38 | 35 | 8 | 15 | .47 | .64 | + .38 |
| Park Falls | -26 | 37 | 10 | 14 | .80 | .97 | + .35 |
| Rhineland | -27 | 37 | 9 | 15 | 1.12 | 1.10 | - .05 |
| Medford | -30 | 36 | 9 | 15 | 1.24 | 1.07 | + .12 |
| Marinette | -11 | 41 | 18 | 21 | 1.79 | 1.19 | N. C. |
| Antigo | -26 | 35 | 11 | 17 | .76 | .92 | - .58 |
| River Falls | -24 | 38 | 12 | 16 | .32 | .82 | - .41 |
| La Crosse | -21 | 42 | 16 | 19 | .50 | 1.05 | - 1.17 |
| Hatfield Dam | -34 | 41 | 13 | 18 | .41 | .80 | - .37 |
| Marshfield | -19 | 40 | 13 | 17 | .83 | .99 | - .64 |
| Hancock | -24 | 41 | 14 | 18 | .51 | .95 | - .91 |
| Green Bay | -16 | 40 | 14 | 18 | .96 | 1.08 | - .62 |
| Oshkosh | -15 | 43 | 12 | 20 | .51 | 1.17 | - 1.38 |
| Sheboygan | -10 | 38 | 21 | 23 | .54 | .64 | - 1.22 |
| Manitowoc | -10 | 39 | 19 | 23 | .90 | 1.43 | - 1.55 |
| Lancaster | -16 | 45 | 18 | 22 | .66 | 1.06 | - 1.29 |
| Darlington | -19 | 46 | 18 | 23 | .54 | 1.03 | - 1.37 |
| Hillsboro | -25 | 45 | 17 | 20 | .47 | 1.09 | - 1.06 |
| Portage | -18 | 43 | 17 | 22 | .48 | 1.18 | - 1.62 |
| Madison | -19 | 44 | 17 | 20 | .42 | 1.13 | - 1.71 |
| Beloit | - 9 | 45 | 23 | 25 | .51 | 1.25 | - 1.94 |
| Lake Geneva | -11 | 47 | 21 | 25 | 1.34 | 1.26 | - .72 |
| Milwaukee (airport) | - 9 | 42 | 20 | 22 | .86 | 1.40 | - 1.62 |
| Average for 25 stations | -21 | 40 | 15 | 19 | .72 | 1.03 | - .78 |

Milk Cows, Production per Cow, and Total Milk Production, Wisconsin by Counties, 1969-71

| County | 1969 | | | 1970 | | | 1971 1/ | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| | Number of cows 1/ | Milk per cow | Total production | Number of cows 1/ | Milk per cow | Total production | Number of cows 1/ | Milk per cow | Production | |
| | Number | Pounds | 1,000 pounds | Number | Pounds | 1,000 pounds | Number | Pounds | 1,000 pounds | Rank |
| Barron | 47,700 | 9,700 | 462,690 | 47,800 | 10,000 | 478,000 | 48,100 | 10,200 | 490,620 | 9 |
| Bayfield | 6,600 | 9,000 | 59,400 | 6,500 | 9,300 | 60,450 | 6,400 | 9,400 | 60,160 | 60 |
| Burnett | 7,100 | 9,000 | 63,900 | 7,000 | 9,100 | 63,700 | 7,200 | 9,300 | 66,960 | 59 |
| Chippewa | 50,300 | 9,300 | 467,790 | 50,100 | 9,400 | 470,940 | 49,700 | 9,700 | 482,090 | 11 |
| Douglas | 3,900 | 9,100 | 35,490 | 3,400 | 9,300 | 31,620 | 3,200 | 9,400 | 30,080 | 65 |
| Polk | 36,500 | 9,600 | 350,400 | 35,500 | 9,900 | 351,450 | 36,000 | 10,000 | 360,000 | 22 |
| Rusk | 20,300 | 9,000 | 182,700 | 19,900 | 9,100 | 181,090 | 20,100 | 9,200 | 184,920 | 42 |
| Sawyer | 4,600 | 8,900 | 40,940 | 4,000 | 9,000 | 36,000 | 4,000 | 9,200 | 36,800 | 63* |
| Washburn | 6,900 | 8,900 | 61,410 | 6,300 | 9,200 | 57,960 | 6,000 | 9,400 | 56,400 | 61 |
| Northwest District ... | 183,900 | 9,379 | 1,724,720 | 180,500 | 9,591 | 1,731,210 | 180,700 | 9,784 | 1,768,030 | |
| Ashland | 5,000 | 8,800 | 44,000 | 4,800 | 9,000 | 43,200 | 4,600 | 9,100 | 41,860 | 62 |
| Clark | 66,300 | 9,300 | 616,590 | 66,500 | 9,600 | 638,400 | 68,000 | 9,800 | 666,400 | 4 |
| Iron | 900 | 8,600 | 7,740 | 900 | 8,600 | 7,740 | 800 | 8,700 | 6,960 | 68 |
| Lincoln | 12,300 | 8,700 | 107,010 | 12,000 | 9,000 | 108,000 | 12,100 | 9,200 | 111,320 | 53 |
| Marathon | 87,600 | 9,300 | 814,680 | 87,600 | 9,600 | 840,960 | 88,100 | 9,900 | 872,190 | 1 |
| Oneida | 700 | 8,100 | 5,670 | 700 | 8,200 | 5,740 | 800 | 8,400 | 6,720 | 69 |
| Price | 11,300 | 8,200 | 92,660 | 11,000 | 8,500 | 93,500 | 11,100 | 8,600 | 95,460 | 55 |
| Taylor | 30,200 | 8,800 | 265,760 | 30,600 | 9,100 | 278,460 | 31,200 | 9,300 | 290,160 | 30 |
| Vilas | 200 | 8,100 | 1,620 | 100 | 8,200 | 820 | 100 | 8,300 | 830 | 71 |
| North Central District . | 214,500 | 9,118 | 1,955,730 | 214,200 | 9,416 | 2,016,820 | 216,800 | 9,649 | 2,091,900 | |
| Florence | 1,300 | 8,800 | 11,440 | 1,300 | 8,900 | 11,570 | 1,300 | 9,100 | 11,830 | 67 |
| Forest | 2,000 | 8,300 | 16,600 | 2,000 | 8,400 | 16,800 | 1,900 | 8,500 | 16,150 | 66 |
| Langlade | 12,800 | 9,200 | 117,760 | 12,600 | 9,400 | 118,440 | 13,000 | 9,500 | 123,500 | 50 |
| Marinette | 12,800 | 9,100 | 116,480 | 13,000 | 9,300 | 120,900 | 13,200 | 9,400 | 124,080 | 49 |
| Menominee | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oconto | 29,600 | 9,500 | 281,200 | 29,900 | 9,800 | 293,020 | 30,100 | 9,900 | 297,990 | 29 |
| Shawano 3/ | 46,200 | 9,800 | 452,760 | 46,500 | 10,100 | 469,650 | 46,900 | 10,300 | 483,070 | 10 |
| Northeast District ... | 104,700 | 9,515 | 996,240 | 105,300 | 9,785 | 1,030,380 | 106,400 | 9,931 | 1,056,620 | |
| Buffalo | 26,700 | 9,400 | 250,980 | 27,200 | 9,600 | 261,120 | 27,300 | 9,800 | 267,540 | 34 |
| Dunn | 39,600 | 9,800 | 388,080 | 39,000 | 9,900 | 386,100 | 39,700 | 10,200 | 404,940 | 16 |
| Eau Claire | 22,400 | 9,200 | 206,080 | 21,900 | 9,500 | 208,050 | 21,600 | 9,600 | 207,360 | 39 |
| Jackson | 18,400 | 9,200 | 169,280 | 18,500 | 9,400 | 173,900 | 18,900 | 9,700 | 183,330 | 43 |
| La Crosse | 21,000 | 9,300 | 195,300 | 20,700 | 9,400 | 194,580 | 21,000 | 9,600 | 201,600 | 40 |
| Monroe | 37,000 | 9,300 | 344,100 | 37,300 | 9,400 | 350,620 | 37,900 | 9,500 | 360,050 | 21 |
| Pepin | 9,600 | 9,300 | 89,280 | 9,700 | 9,500 | 92,150 | 9,600 | 9,600 | 92,160 | 57 |
| Pierce | 27,000 | 9,300 | 251,100 | 26,800 | 9,600 | 257,280 | 26,500 | 9,800 | 259,700 | 36 |
| St. Croix | 33,400 | 10,100 | 337,340 | 34,000 | 10,300 | 350,200 | 35,300 | 10,400 | 367,120 | 19 |
| Trempealeau | 33,100 | 9,800 | 324,380 | 34,300 | 10,000 | 343,000 | 35,600 | 10,200 | 363,120 | 20 |
| West Central District . | 268,200 | 9,530 | 2,555,920 | 269,400 | 9,714 | 2,617,000 | 273,400 | 9,901 | 2,706,920 | |
| Adams | 3,600 | 8,900 | 32,040 | 4,000 | 9,100 | 36,400 | 4,000 | 9,200 | 36,800 | 63* |
| Green Lake | 14,700 | 9,700 | 142,590 | 14,300 | 9,900 | 141,570 | 13,900 | 10,100 | 140,390 | 47 |
| Juneau | 13,500 | 9,300 | 125,550 | 13,300 | 9,400 | 125,020 | 12,700 | 9,500 | 120,650 | 51 |
| Marquette | 7,000 | 9,100 | 63,700 | 7,300 | 9,500 | 69,350 | 7,400 | 9,600 | 71,040 | 58 |
| Portage | 19,000 | 9,200 | 174,800 | 18,500 | 9,300 | 172,050 | 18,000 | 9,500 | 171,000 | 45 |
| Waupaca | 33,200 | 9,500 | 315,400 | 33,100 | 9,700 | 321,070 | 32,300 | 9,900 | 319,770 | 28 |
| Waushara | 12,500 | 9,400 | 117,500 | 12,800 | 9,600 | 122,880 | 12,900 | 9,700 | 125,130 | 48 |
| Wood | 26,500 | 9,400 | 249,100 | 25,800 | 9,700 | 250,260 | 26,000 | 9,900 | 257,400 | 37 |
| Central District | 130,000 | 9,390 | 1,220,680 | 129,100 | 9,594 | 1,238,600 | 127,200 | 9,766 | 1,242,180 | |
| Brown | 39,700 | 10,400 | 412,880 | 39,100 | 10,700 | 418,370 | 39,700 | 10,900 | 432,730 | 14 |
| Calumet | 29,100 | 10,500 | 305,550 | 29,700 | 10,700 | 317,790 | 30,000 | 10,900 | 327,000 | 26 |
| Door | 16,600 | 10,200 | 169,320 | 16,100 | 10,400 | 167,440 | 16,700 | 10,600 | 177,020 | 44 |
| Fond du Lac | 48,900 | 10,700 | 523,230 | 49,800 | 10,900 | 542,820 | 50,800 | 11,100 | 563,880 | 5 |
| Kewaunee | 29,000 | 10,100 | 292,900 | 29,700 | 10,400 | 308,880 | 30,500 | 10,600 | 323,300 | 27 |
| Manitowoc | 43,400 | 10,300 | 447,020 | 43,200 | 10,600 | 457,920 | 44,100 | 10,700 | 471,870 | 12 |
| Outagamie | 45,600 | 10,600 | 483,360 | 45,700 | 10,800 | 493,560 | 46,200 | 11,000 | 508,200 | 8 |
| Sheboygan | 33,500 | 10,300 | 345,050 | 33,100 | 10,600 | 350,860 | 33,100 | 10,800 | 357,480 | 23 |
| Winnebago | 24,000 | 10,500 | 252,000 | 24,400 | 10,700 | 261,080 | 25,000 | 10,900 | 272,500 | 33 |
| East Central District .. | 309,800 | 10,430 | 3,231,310 | 310,800 | 10,678 | 3,318,720 | 316,100 | 10,864 | 3,433,980 | |
| Crawford | 20,200 | 8,900 | 179,780 | 19,800 | 9,200 | 182,160 | 20,200 | 9,300 | 187,860 | 41 |
| Grant | 53,800 | 9,700 | 521,860 | 54,000 | 9,900 | 534,600 | 55,000 | 10,000 | 550,000 | 6 |
| Iowa | 38,300 | 9,600 | 367,680 | 38,500 | 9,800 | 377,300 | 38,900 | 9,900 | 385,110 | 17 |
| Lafayette | 42,600 | 9,300 | 396,180 | 42,600 | 9,500 | 404,700 | 42,900 | 9,700 | 416,130 | 15 |
| Richland | 30,500 | 9,000 | 274,500 | 29,700 | 9,300 | 276,210 | 29,200 | 9,400 | 274,480 | 32 |
| Sauk | 38,900 | 9,500 | 369,550 | 38,200 | 9,800 | 374,360 | 38,100 | 9,900 | 377,190 | 18 |
| Vernon | 46,100 | 9,100 | 419,510 | 46,200 | 9,400 | 434,280 | 46,200 | 9,500 | 438,900 | 13 |
| Southwest District ... | 270,400 | 9,353 | 2,529,060 | 269,000 | 9,604 | 2,583,610 | 270,500 | 9,722 | 2,629,670 | |
| Columbia | 23,800 | 10,300 | 245,140 | 24,000 | 10,600 | 254,400 | 24,200 | 10,800 | 261,360 | 35 |
| Dane | 69,800 | 10,400 | 725,920 | 69,100 | 10,600 | 732,460 | 69,000 | 10,800 | 745,200 | 2 |
| Dodge | 62,400 | 10,300 | 642,720 | 63,700 | 10,600 | 675,220 | 64,000 | 10,800 | 691,200 | 3 |
| Green | 49,500 | 10,500 | 519,750 | 49,200 | 10,700 | 526,440 | 49,200 | 10,900 | 536,280 | 7 |
| Jefferson | 31,500 | 10,700 | 337,050 | 31,000 | 10,900 | 337,900 | 30,600 | 11,100 | 339,660 | 25 |
| Rock | 31,600 | 10,300 | 325,480 | 31,300 | 10,600 | 331,780 | 31,500 | 10,800 | 340,200 | 24 |
| South Central District . | 268,600 | 10,410 | 2,796,060 | 268,300 | 10,653 | 2,858,200 | 268,500 | 10,853 | 2,913,900 | |
| Kenosha | 10,000 | 10,500 | 105,000 | 10,300 | 10,800 | 111,240 | 10,200 | 10,900 | 111,180 | 54 |
| Milwaukee | 600 | 9,300 | 5,580 | 500 | 9,500 | 4,750 | 500 | 9,700 | 4,850 | 70 |
| Ozaukee | 11,800 | 10,000 | 118,000 | 11,500 | 10,300 | 118,450 | 11,300 | 10,500 | 118,650 | 52 |
| Racine | 9,900 | 10,500 | 103,950 | 9,200 | 10,700 | 98,440 | 8,500 | 10,900 | 92,650 | 56 |
| Walworth | 26,900 | 10,600 | 285,140 | 26,800 | 10,900 | 292,120 | 26,100 | 11,100 | 289,710 | 31 |
| Washington | 24,400 | 10,200 | 248,880 | 24,300 | 10,400 | 252,720 | 24,200 | 10,600 | 256,520 | 38 |
| Waukesha | 17,300 | 10,100 | 174,730 | 15,800 | 10,300 | 162,740 | 15,600 | 10,400 | 162,240 | 46 |
| Southeast District | 100,900 | 10,320 | 1,041,280 | 98,400 | 10,574 | 1,040,460 | 96,400 | 10,745 | 1,035,800 | |
| STATE | 1,851,000 | 9,752 | 18,051,000 | 1,845,000 | 9,992 | 18,435,000 | 1,856,000 | 10,172 | 18,879,000 | |

1/Preliminary. 2/Average number of milk cows on farms during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. 3/Includes Menominee. * Tied with 1 or more counties.

FARMERS PLAN TO REDUCE CROP ACREAGE

The annual March 1 survey of planting intentions for the 1972 crop season indicates that Wisconsin farmers plan to decrease their acreage of major crops. Planted acreage for the 8 major crops included in the March Prospective Plantings Survey is expected to total 8,900,000 acres, down 1 percent from 1971.

The planted acreage of corn, oats, and hay — Wisconsin's "Big Three" — could be about 124,000 acres less than last year if farmers follow their intentions. Most of this decrease will be in corn as no change is anticipated for hay, and oat acreage may be down only 32,000 acres.

Corn planted for all uses is expected to total 2,982,000 acres in 1972, down 3 percent from last year's record crop of 3,074,000 acres but still 8 percent above the acreage planted two years ago. During the two month period from January 1 to March 1, Wisconsin farmers decided to decrease their corn

planting intentions by 2 percent with most of the reduced acreage shifting to soybeans.

Wisconsin farmers are planning to increase soybean acreage 20 percent this year. The planting of soybeans for all purposes may total 156,000 acres in 1972, up 26,000 acres from last year but only 1,000 acres more than in 1970. Acreage intentions for tobacco and potatoes in 1972 show little change from a year earlier.

Based on March 1 intentions, farmers in the Nation plan to reduce corn acreage 8 percent in 1972. This is 4 percent lower than indicated earlier on the special January 1 survey. Prospective soybean plantings, at 45½ million acres for all purposes, would be 5 percent above the record 1971 crop. The Nation's farmers intend to raise less oats, barley, spring wheat, and potatoes in 1972. Hay and tobacco acreage in the Nation for 1972 is expected to show little change from the previous year.

Planted Acreage, Selected Crops, 1972 Intentions
Compared with 1970 and 1971 Planted Acreage, Wisconsin and United States

| Crop | Wisconsin | | | | United States | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | Change from last year | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | Change from last year |
| | 1,000 acres | | | Percent | 1,000 acres | | | Percent |
| Corn, all | 2,769 | 3,074 | 2,982 | - 3 | 67,004 | 74,097 | 68,460 | - 8 |
| Spring wheat | 15 | 17 | 16 | - 6 | 9,047 | 13,119 | 10,683 | -19 |
| Oats 1/ | 1,764 | 1,588 | 1,556 | - 2 | 24,434 | 21,987 | 21,026 | - 4 |
| Barley 1/ | 34 | 37 | 41 | + 11 | 10,420 | 11,064 | 10,395 | - 6 |
| Potatoes: | | | | | | | | |
| Late summer and fall | 53.0 | 52.5 | 52.5 | N.C. | 1,234.4 | 1,205.3 | 1,169.4 | - 3 |
| All | 53.0 | 52.5 | 52.5 | N.C. | 1,448.6 | 1,414.2 | 1,363.2 | - 4 |
| Tobacco, Type 54 2/ | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.2 | N.C. | - | - | - | - |
| Tobacco, Type 55 2/ | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.3 | + 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Tobacco, binder total 2/ | 8.8 | 10.4 | 10.5 | + 1 | 10.47 | 12.01 | 12.11 | + 1 |
| Soybeans 3/ | 155 | 130 | 156 | + 20 | 42,945 | 43,176 | 45,489 | + 5 |
| Hay, all 2/ | 4,016 | 4,086 | 4,086 | N.C. | 62,911 | 63,265 | 62,826 | - 1 |

1/U. S. total includes acreage planted preceding fall. 2/Acres harvested or intended for harvest. 3/Grown alone for all purposes.

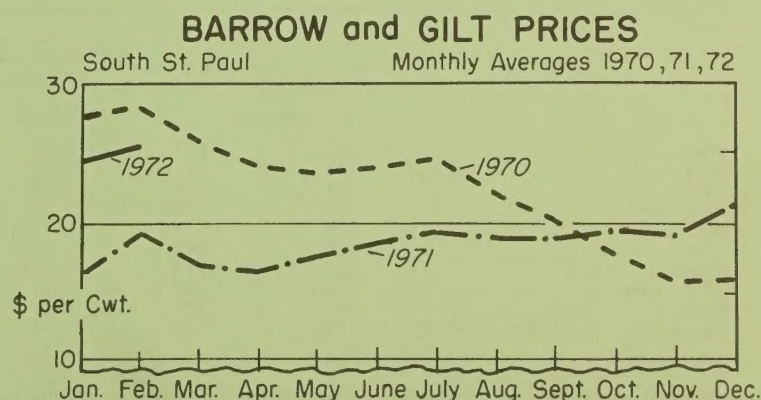
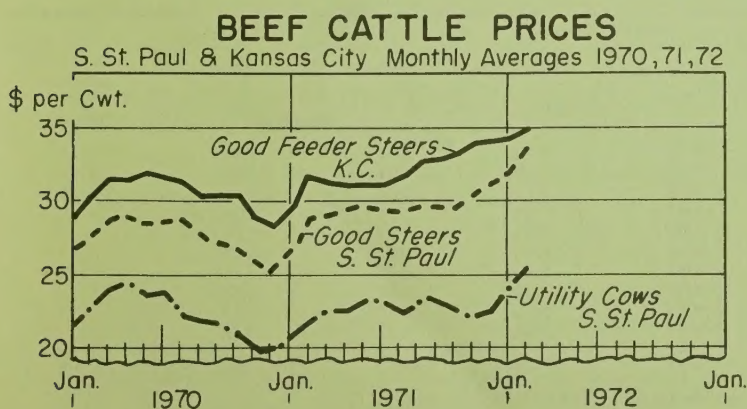
BEEF CATTLE PRICES CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Good grade steers at the St. Paul market averaged \$33.39 a hundredweight for February, up \$1.20 from January and \$4.49 above a year earlier. This was the fourth consecutive month that the price of good grade steers at St. Paul increased. Utility cow prices averaged \$25.20 a hundredweight at the St. Paul market during January, an increase of \$1.34 from the previous month and \$3.49 more than a year ago. Good grade feeder steers at the Kansas City market averaged \$34.96 a

hundredweight in February, up 68 cents from January and \$3.35 higher than last year. This was the eighth straight month of higher prices for good grade feeder steers at Kansas City.

HOG MARKET AVERAGES HIGHER

Although prices were lower in the beginning and at the of the month, barrow and gilt prices at the St. Paul market for February averaged about a \$1.00 higher than in January. At \$25.60 a hundredweight for February, barrow and gilt prices were \$6.38 above February 1971 but still \$2.61 under that month in 1970 when they reached a peak.



MARCH 1 HOG INVENTORY BELOW LAST YEAR

The inventory of hogs and pigs on Wisconsin farms March 1 was 9 percent below a year earlier. Hogs kept for breeding purposes numbered 259,000, down 6 percent from the previous year. A total of 1,179,000 hogs and pigs were being raised primarily for the slaughter market, a decline of 10 percent from March 1, 1971.

There were 72,000 sows that farrowed in Wisconsin from December through February, 9 percent less than in the comparable quarter a year earlier. These sows produced 534,000 pigs for an average litter rate of 7.42, slightly less than the rate of 7.55 pigs per litter last year.

Farrowings during March through May are expected to be 10 percent lower than in the same quarter of 1971. Wisconsin farmers plan to farrow 99,000 sows during June through August, a decline of 5 percent from that period a year ago.

Farmers in the 10 Corn Belt States had 6 percent fewer hogs and pigs on hand March 1 than in the previous year. Breeding stock was down 8 percent while market hogs were 6 percent under last year.

The number of sows farrowing in the Corn Belt States during December through February was 10 percent below a year earlier. Farmers in these States intend to farrow 7 percent fewer sows in both the March through May and June through August quarters than were farrowed in the comparable quarters of 1971.

All Hogs and Pigs on Farms, Breeding and Market
March 1, 1971 and 1972, 10 States

| State | For breeding | | | Market | | | Total hogs and pigs | | |
|--------------------|--------------|-------|-----------------------|------------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| | 1971 | 1972 | Change from last year | 1971 | 1972 | Change from last year | 1971 | 1972 | Change from last year |
| | 1,000 head | | Percent | 1,000 head | | Percent | 1,000 head | | Percent |
| Ohio | 375 | 334 | - 11 | 2,209 | 1,966 | - 11 | 2,584 | 2,300 | - 11 |
| Indiana | 656 | 660 | + 1 | 4,200 | 4,190 | N. C. | 4,856 | 4,850 | N. C. |
| Illinois | 1,048 | 1,000 | - 5 | 5,504 | 5,450 | - 1 | 6,552 | 6,450 | - 2 |
| Wisconsin | 276 | 259 | - 6 | 1,304 | 1,179 | - 10 | 1,580 | 1,438 | - 9 |
| Minnesota | 517 | 474 | - 8 | 2,821 | 2,626 | - 7 | 3,338 | 3,100 | - 7 |
| Iowa | 2,233 | 2,045 | - 8 | 11,722 | 10,933 | - 7 | 13,955 | 12,978 | - 7 |
| Missouri | 751 | 650 | - 13 | 3,540 | 3,650 | + 3 | 4,291 | 4,300 | N. C. |
| South Dakota | 316 | 279 | - 12 | 1,489 | 1,273 | - 14 | 1,805 | 1,552 | - 14 |
| Nebraska | 510 | 482 | - 5 | 2,890 | 2,442 | - 15 | 3,400 | 2,924 | - 14 |
| Kansas | 291 | 266 | - 9 | 1,789 | 1,634 | - 9 | 2,080 | 1,900 | - 9 |
| Total 10 States .. | 6,973 | 6,449 | - 8 | 37,468 | 35,343 | - 6 | 44,441 | 41,792 | - 6 |

Sows to Farrow, March through August, 10 States

| State | March through May | | | June through August | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| | 1971 | 1972 1/ | Change from last year | 1971 | 1972 1/ | Change from last year |
| | 1,000 head | | Percent | 1,000 head | | Percent |
| Ohio | 147 | 132 | - 10 | 142 | 120 | - 15 |
| Indiana | 264 | 250 | - 5 | 244 | 235 | - 4 |
| Illinois | 489 | 460 | - 6 | 395 | 370 | - 6 |
| Wisconsin | 149 | 134 | - 10 | 104 | 99 | - 5 |
| Minnesota | 271 | 255 | - 6 | 198 | 182 | - 8 |
| Iowa | 1,123 | 1,044 | - 7 | 647 | 602 | - 7 |
| Missouri | 317 | 285 | - 10 | 270 | 240 | - 11 |
| South Dakota | 190 | 165 | - 13 | 77 | 65 | - 16 |
| Nebraska | 252 | 240 | - 5 | 165 | 157 | - 5 |
| Kansas | 122 | 117 | - 4 | 88 | 88 | N. C. |
| Total 10 States | 3,324 | 3,082 | - 7 | 2,330 | 2,158 | - 7 |

1/Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.

Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop
December 1/ through February, 1971 and 1972, 10 States

| State | Sows farrowing | | | Pigs per litter | | Pig crop 2/ | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|------|-------------|--------|-----------------------|
| | 1971 | 1972 | Change from last year | 1971 | 1972 | 1971 | 1972 | Change from last year |
| | 1,000 head | | Percent | Head | | 1,000 head | | Percent |
| Ohio | 123 | 105 | - 15 | 7.00 | 7.30 | 861 | 766 | - 11 |
| Indiana | 242 | 230 | - 5 | 7.03 | 7.39 | 1,701 | 1,700 | N. C. |
| Illinois | 337 | 310 | - 8 | 6.60 | 7.10 | 2,224 | 2,201 | - 1 |
| Wisconsin | 79 | 72 | - 9 | 7.55 | 7.42 | 596 | 534 | - 10 |
| Minnesota | 159 | 146 | - 8 | 7.40 | 7.35 | 1,177 | 1,073 | - 9 |
| Iowa | 529 | 462 | - 13 | 6.95 | 7.45 | 3,677 | 3,442 | - 6 |
| Missouri | 222 | 210 | - 5 | 6.65 | 7.16 | 1,476 | 1,504 | + 2 |
| South Dakota | 77 | 60 | - 22 | 7.35 | 7.27 | 566 | 436 | - 23 |
| Nebraska | 161 | 130 | - 19 | 7.25 | 7.10 | 1,167 | 923 | - 21 |
| Kansas | 99 | 97 | - 2 | 7.35 | 7.40 | 728 | 718 | - 1 |
| Total 10 States | 2,028 | 1,822 | - 10 | 6.99 | 7.30 | 14,173 | 13,297 | - 6 |

1/December preceding year. 2/Number of pigs born December through February that were on hand March 1 or had been sold.

CUSTOM RATES GUIDE

Rates shown in the tables should be used as guides rather than absolute values in making decisions regarding custom work. Rates can vary widely, depending on topography, soil conditions, type and size of machine, traditional rates in a

Planting and Fertilizing Operations,
Wisconsin, 1971 1/

| Operation | Range in rates | Average rate | Range in rates | Average rate |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| | Dollars per acre | | Dollars per hour | |
| Grain drilling: | | | | |
| Without fertilizer | | | | |
| Width in feet | | | | |
| 7-8 | .75-3.50 | 1.89 | 1.75- 6.00 | 4.22 |
| 9-10 | 1.25-4.00 | 1.98 | 2.00-12.00 | 5.50 |
| All reports 2/ .. | .75-4.00 | 1.94 | 2.00-12.00 | 4.81 |
| With fertilizer | | | | |
| Width in feet | | | | |
| 7-8 | 1.00-4.00 | 2.30 | 2.00- 7.00 | 5.46 |
| 9-10 | 1.00-4.00 | 2.33 | 2.25-12.00 | 6.22 |
| All reports 2/ .. | 1.00-4.00 | 2.32 | 2.00-12.00 | 5.75 |
| Corn planting: | | | | |
| Without fertilizer | | | | |
| 2 row | 1.00-5.00 | 2.66 | 1.50- 5.00 | 3.71 |
| 4 row | 1.00-4.00 | 2.31 | 4.50-10.00 | 7.63 |
| All reports 2/ .. | .60-5.00 | 2.38 | 1.50-10.00 | 4.88 |
| With fertilizer | | | | |
| 2 row | 1.50-7.00 | 2.90 | 1.50- 8.00 | 4.70 |
| 4 row | 1.50-6.00 | 2.39 | 3.25-11.00 | 6.25 |
| All reports 2/ .. | .75-7.00 | 2.54 | 1.50-11.00 | 5.60 |
| With insecticide: | | | | |
| 2 row | 1.50-2.50 | 2.00 | — | — |
| 4 row | 1.00-3.50 | 2.42 | — | — |
| All reports 2/ .. | 1.00-3.50 | 2.46 | 5.00-12.00 | 8.70 |
| With herbicide: | | | | |
| All reports 2/ .. | 2.50-3.50 | 2.89 | — | — |
| With insecticide and herbicide: | | | | |
| 2 row | 2.25-4.00 | 2.81 | — | — |
| 4 row | 1.50-4.75 | 2.95 | — | — |
| All reports 2/ .. | 1.50-4.75 | 2.94 | — | — |
| Fertilizer application: | | | | |
| Dry fertilizer | .50-4.14 | 1.27 | 6.00-12.00 | 8.00 |
| Liquid fertilizer | .50-2.60 | 1.64 | — | — |
| Anhydrous ammonia .. | .75-2.50 | 1.78 | 6.00-15.00 | 10.10 |

1/Rates include charges for the machines, power unit, operator's labor and fuel, but excludes costs of materials such as seed, fertilizer, herbicides, etc. 2/State average includes rates for all sizes of machines reported and reports that failed to indicate size of machine.

LESS BUTTER AND
CHEESE IN COLD STORAGE

Cold storage stocks of butter and cheese in the Nation at the end of February were lower than a year ago. The 89 million pounds of butter in cold storage on February 29 were a third less than in the previous year. Government-owned butter stocks were down 46 percent from the end of February last year.

Manufacturers' Stocks of Other Dairy Products
United States

| Commodity | Jan. 31, 1970 | Jan. 31, 1971 | Jan. 31, 1972 | Change from last year |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 1,000 pounds | | | Percent |
| Dried whole milk | 5,830 | 5,491 | 4,516 | -18 |
| Dried skim milk | 85,754 | 100,227 | 75,472 | -25 |
| Dried buttermilk | 7,223 | 8,261 | 3,168 | -62 |
| Condensed milk and evapor- ated milk (case goods) 1/ .. | 96,602 | 81,279 | 73,895 | - 9 |

1/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

given area, and special services performed. A more complete report on custom rates in Wisconsin, including harvesting operations and other farm work, is available by writing to the Wisconsin Statistical Reporting Service, Box 5160, Madison, Wisconsin 53705.

Land Tillage Operations, Wisconsin, 1971 1/

| Operation | Range in rates | Average rate | Range in rates | Average rate |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| | Dollars per acre | | Dollars per hour | |
| Plowing: | | | | |
| Number of bottoms | | | | |
| 3 | 2.50-7.00 | 4.20 | 2.50- 9.00 | 5.74 |
| 4 | 3.00-8.00 | 4.73 | 4.50-15.00 | 9.93 |
| 5 | 3.50-8.00 | 4.76 | 5.00-20.00 | 10.01 |
| All reports 2/ | 2.50-8.00 | 4.60 | 2.50-25.00 | 8.82 |
| Disking: | | | | |
| Width in feet | | | | |
| 9-12 | 1.50-6.00 | 2.60 | 2.00-10.00 | 6.12 |
| 13-16 | 1.50-3.00 | 2.48 | — | — |
| All reports 2/ | 1.50-6.00 | 2.50 | 2.00-15.00 | 6.63 |
| Quack digging: | | | | |
| Width in feet | | | | |
| 8 and under | 1.50-5.00 | 2.42 | 2.00- 7.00 | 4.55 |
| 9-12 | .90-6.00 | 2.44 | 3.00- 8.00 | 5.44 |
| All reports 2/ | .90-6.00 | 2.36 | 2.00-15.00 | 6.26 |
| Chisel plowing: | | | | |
| All reports 2/ | .80-5.00 | 3.04 | 4.00-15.00 | 7.68 |
| Harrowing: | | | | |
| Spike tooth | | | | |
| Width in feet | | | | |
| 14-18 | .50-2.00 | 1.24 | 4.00-10.00 | 4.83 |
| 19-23 | .50-2.00 | 1.23 | 2.00-10.00 | 6.00 |
| All reports 2/ | .50-4.00 | 1.38 | 2.00-12.00 | 5.27 |
| Spring tooth | | | | |
| Width in feet | | | | |
| 10-12 | 1.00-3.50 | 1.72 | 2.50- 6.00 | 4.88 |
| 13-15 | 1.50-3.50 | 2.13 | — | — |
| 16 and over | 1.50-3.00 | 2.00 | — | — |
| All reports 2/ | 1.00-3.50 | 1.97 | 2.00-12.00 | 6.57 |
| Cultivating: | | | | |
| Without fertilizer | | | | |
| 2 row | 1.00-3.50 | 1.91 | 2.00- 8.00 | 4.58 |
| 4 row | 1.00-3.00 | 1.88 | 2.50- 8.00 | 5.50 |
| All reports 2/ | 1.00-3.50 | 1.95 | 2.00-20.00 | 5.67 |
| With fertilizer | | | | |
| 2 row | 2.50-4.00 | 3.13 | — | — |
| 4 row | 2.25-3.00 | 2.50 | — | — |
| All reports 2/ | 2.25-4.00 | 2.75 | — | — |

1/Rates include charges for the machines, power unit, operator's labor, and fuel, but excludes costs of materials such as fertilizer, herbicides, etc. 2/State average includes rates for all sizes of machines reported and reports that failed to indicate size of machine.

Total cheese in cold storage on February 29 was 6 percent below a year earlier. Stocks of Swiss cheese were 38 percent less than a year ago, and American cheese in cold storage was down 6 percent.

Cold Storage Stocks of Butter and Cheese

| Commodity | Feb. 28, 1970 | Feb. 28, 1971 | Feb. 29, 1972 | Change from last year |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 1,000 pounds | | | Percent |
| | UNITED STATES | | | |
| Butter | 81,261 | 134,090 | 89,295 | - 33 |
| Cheese, American | 238,020 | 242,808 | 229,135 | - 6 |
| Cheese, Swiss | 10,074 | 12,302 | 7,679 | - 38 |
| Cheese, all other | 37,578 | 54,807 | 54,869 | N. C. |
| Cheese, total | 285,672 | 309,917 | 291,683 | - 6 |
| | WISCONSIN | | | |
| Butter | 1,838 | 3,771 | 4,165 | + 10 |
| Cheese, American | 134,890 | 148,451 | 127,431 | - 14 |
| | GOVERNMENT STOCKS* | | | |
| Butter | 53,097 | 107,231 | 58,268 | - 46 |
| Cheese, American | 411 | 806 | 2,338 | + 190 |

*Included in above totals.

MEAT ANIMALS BOLSTER PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

Higher meat animal prices were primarily responsible for an 8 point gain from January to February in the prices received index for Wisconsin farm products. At 361 percent of the 1910-14 base, the prices received index for mid-February was 21 points above a year ago and a record high for that date.

Hog prices averaged \$25.10 a hundredweight as of February 15, an increase of \$2.90 from a month earlier and \$5.80 more than last year. However, hog prices were \$2.20 below the record mid-February price in 1970.

Steers and heifers averaged \$31.50 a hundredweight for February, up \$1.80 from January and \$3.50 higher than a year ago. Slaughter cows, at \$23.00 a hundredweight in mid-February, were \$1.60 above the previous month and \$2.90 more than a year earlier.

Calves averaged \$45.80 a hundredweight on February 15, an increase of \$3.60 from January and a record high for any month. Calf prices were up \$9.60 from February last year and were almost double the price of seven years ago.

Lambs averaged \$26.70 a hundredweight for February, a gain of 80 cents from a month earlier and \$3.30 above February 1971. Sheep, at \$5.50 a hundredweight in February, were unchanged from January but 30 cents under last year.

Egg prices declined 1 cent a dozen from January to February. At 23 cents a dozen for mid-February, eggs were

8 cents lower than a year ago. Turkeys averaged 23 cents a pound liveweight for February, the same as January but 2 cents more than the previous year.

Corn prices increased 2 cents a bushel from January to February. However, the mid-February corn price of \$1.12 a bushel was 32 cents under last year. Oats averaged 71 cents a bushel in February, unchanged from January but 6 cents below February 1971. Soybeans, at \$2.95 a bushel for February, were up 7 cents from a month earlier and 16 cents above the previous year.

Prices Received by Wisconsin Farmers

| Commodity | Unit | February 1970 | February 1971 | January 1972 | February 1972 |
|-----------------------|------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Dollars | | | | | |
| Milk cows | Head | 350.00 | 385.00 | 415.00 | 415.00 |
| Steers and heifers . | Cwt. | 26.90 | 28.00 | 29.70 | 31.50 |
| Cows | Cwt. | 20.90 | 20.10 | 21.40 | 23.00 |
| Calves | Cwt. | 37.80 | 36.20 | 42.20 | 45.80 |
| Hogs | Cwt. | 27.30 | 19.30 | 22.20 | 25.10 |
| Sheep | Cwt. | 7.20 | 5.80 | 5.50 | 5.50 |
| Lambs | Cwt. | 27.10 | 23.40 | 25.90 | 26.70 |
| Wool | Lb. | .36 | .30 | .24 | .24 |
| Chickens 1/ | Lb. | .075 | .085 | .085 | .085 |
| Turkeys | Lb. | .270 | .210 | .230 | .230 |
| Eggs | Doz. | .470 | .310 | .240 | .230 |
| Corn | Bu. | 1.14 | 1.44 | 1.10 | 1.12 |
| Oats | Bu. | .65 | .77 | .71 | .71 |
| Soybeans | Bu. | 2.40 | 2.79 | 2.88 | 2.95 |
| Alfalfa hay, baled . | Ton | 20.00 | 21.50 | 23.50 | 23.00 |

1/ Excludes broilers.

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